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1. A closure device comprising:  
a first fastening strip;  
5 a second fastening strip;  
a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said  
fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said  
fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof  
and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips  
10 when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening  
strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a  
transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being  
perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening  
strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said  
15 vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X  
axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said  
transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said  
slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for  
engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to  
20 said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw  
thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first  
end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis.

2. The invention as in claim 1 wherein said first  
25 jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

3. The invention as in claim 1 wherein said first  
jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

30 4. The invention as in claim 3 wherein said first  
jaw is located at the first end of the slider and said  
first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

35 5. The invention as in claim 2 wherein a second jaw  
is located at the first end of the slider.

6. The invention as in claim 2 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

7. The invention as in claim 5 wherein a third jaw 5 and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

8. The invention as in claim 4 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

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9. the invention as in claim 1 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

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10. The invention as in claim 5 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

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11. The invention as in claim 10 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

12. The invention as in claim 11 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

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13. The invention as in claim 11 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

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14. The invention as in claim 13 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

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15. The invention as in claim 9 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

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16. The invention as in claim 9 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

5 17. The invention as in claim 16 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

10 18. The invention as in claim 1, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

15 19. The invention as in claim 1, wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel closure type fastening strips.

20 20. The invention as in claim 1, wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

21. The invention as in claim 1, wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

22. A slider adapted to be slidably disposed on a first and second fastening strip wherein a first end stop is provided at a first end of said fastening strips, said slider facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards said second end thereof, said slider comprising:

30 a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis;

35 a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby

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preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis.

23. The invention as in claim 22 wherein said first  
5 jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

24. The invention as in claim 22 wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

10 25. The invention as in claim 24 wherein said first jaw is located at the first end of the slider and said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

15 26. The invention as in claim 23 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

27. The invention as in claim 23 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

20 28. The invention as in claim 26 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

25 29. The invention as in claim 25 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

30 30. the invention as in claim 22 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

30 31. The invention as in claim 26 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

35 32. The invention as in claim 31 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second width, said second width is greater than said first width.

33. The invention as in claim 32 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

5 34. The invention as in claim 32 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

10 35. The invention as in claim 34 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

15 36. The invention as in claim 30 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

20 37. The invention as in claim 30 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

25 38. The invention as in claim 37 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

39. The invention as in claim 22, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

40. A container comprising:

first and second side walls, said first and second side walls including mating first and second fastening strips respectively, said first and second fastening strips comprising a closure device arranged to be interlocked over a predetermined length,

35 a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips

When moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis.

15 41. The invention as in claim 40 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

20 42. The invention as in claim 40 wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

25 43. The invention as in claim 42 wherein said first jaw is located at the first end of the slider and said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

30 44. The invention as in claim 41 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

35 45. The invention as in claim 41 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

40 46. The invention as in claim 44 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

45 47. The invention as in claim 43 wherein the first end stop extends above the fastening strips.

48. the invention as in claim 40 wherein the first end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

49. The invention as in claim 44 wherein the first 5 end stop has a first surface which extends outwardly.

50. The invention as in claim 49 wherein said first jaw and said second jaw define a first slot, said first slot has a first width, said first end stop has a second 10 width, said second width is greater than said first width.

51. The invention as in claim 50 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

15 52. The invention as in claim 50 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said second width includes said planar surface.

20 53. The invention as in claim 52 wherein said planar surface includes a protrusion, said second width includes said protrusion.

25 54. The invention as in claim 48 wherein said first surface is a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

30 55. The invention as in claim 48 wherein said first surface is a planar surface, said first jaw engages said planar surface.

35 56. The invention as in claim 55 wherein said first surface includes a protrusion, said first jaw engages said protrusion.

57. The invention as in claim 40, wherein said first jaw is inwardly biased for engaging said first end stop.

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58. The invention as in claim 40, wherein said fastening strips comprise U-channel closure type fastening strips.

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59. The invention as in claim 40, wherein said fastening strips comprise arrowhead type fastening strips.

10 60. The invention as in claim 40, wherein said fastening strips comprise profile type fastening strips.

15 *Not A3* 61. A method of using a closure device comprising the steps of:

providing a first fastening strip;  
providing a second fastening strip;  
providing a slider adapted to be slidably disposed on said fastening strips and facilitating the occlusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a first end thereof and facilitating the deocclusion of said fastening strips when moved towards a second end thereof, said fastening strips and said slider having a longitudinal X axis and a transverse Y axis, said transverse Y axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said fastening strips and said slider having a vertical Z axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said longitudinal X axis, said vertical Z axis being perpendicular to said transverse Y axis, a first end stop at said first end, said slider comprising a housing having a first jaw for engaging said first end stop when said slider is moved to said first end of said fastening strips and said first jaw thereby preventing removal of said slider from said first end of said fastening strips in said longitudinal X axis; moving said slider and engaging the first end stop.

35 62. The invention as in claim 61 wherein said first jaw is located at a first end of the slider.

63. The invention as in claim 61 wherein said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

5 64. The invention as in claim 63 wherein said first jaw is located at the first end of the slider and said first jaw is positioned above the fastening strips.

65. The invention as in claim 62 wherein a second jaw is located at the first end of the slider.

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66. The invention as in claim 62 wherein a third jaw is located at a second end of the slider.

15 67. The invention as in claim 65 wherein a third jaw and a fourth jaw are located at a second end of the slider.

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